

brite* Volunteers

AUGUST

This month's BIBLICAL Theme

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THROUGHOUT THE MONTH WE WILL BE LEARNING...



Creation

(Genesis 1)

Brite Idea: God is the Creator of everything.



Wonderfully Made

(Genesis 1:26-31; 2:4-25)

Brite Idea: God created people in His image.



The Fall

(Genesis 3)

Brite Idea: God is holy, but people sin.



Tower of Babel

(Genesis 11:1-9)

Brite Idea: No one is greater than God.



Abram and Lot

(Genesis 12-15)

Brite Idea: God is in control.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

For by Him all things were created.

(COLOSSIANS 1:16)



Preschool PERSPECTIVES

THIS MONTH'S LEADER TRAINING TOPIC IS: LASTING FAITH

Why do you show up to serve the littlest of kids? You show up because you know investing in the youngest of disciples matters. What matters is that they begin to develop a lasting faith in Jesus Christ. That is preschool discipleship, and it is worth every ounce of your time, energy, and love. Here's how to make it stick.

BE ALL IN:

Lifeway Research reports that 66% of teenagers leave the church for at least a year, and less than one-third return. When we combine this with the challenging culture our kids are growing up in, it's clear that we have a serious responsibility.

1. **The world is different.** The culture shaping our kids today is no longer naturally Christian. Secular ideas are the dominant influence, making it even more crucial that kids learn to follow Jesus from the earliest years.
2. **Kids need a faith that lasts.** As the Church, we must move beyond ministry focused only on fun, games, and events. Resilient preschool discipleship intentionally helps kids belong to God's kingdom, trust Jesus as Savior, and begin learning to live like Him through the power of the Holy Spirit.
3. **What can you do?** Be all in. This generation needs you. Your role matters. Show up prepared, invested, and committed to shaping young hearts for Christ. Every story, prayer, and act of love plants seeds of faith that can last a lifetime.

BE A CARING PRESENCE:

You are the secret ingredient in preschool discipleship. If you ever wonder whether your role matters... it absolutely does! One loving, caring adult can make a huge difference in a kid's journey of faith. You can be that adult.

1. **Your presence matters.** The first step in showing love to kids is simply showing up. A consistent and dependable presence tells a preschooler, "I care about you."
2. **Your attention matters.** When you are with kids, be fully present, just as Jesus is with us. Put your phone away, save adult conversations for later, and minimize distractions. Come prepared so you can give kids your full focus during the short time you have together.
3. **Your prayers matter.** Think of one kid in your group and ask: what if I'm the only person praying for them this week? God has placed you in a role to love and support kids who may not have that spiritual support anywhere else. Pray for each preschooler as if you are the only one lifting them to God.

Preschool PERSPECTIVES

HELP THEM TO BELONG:

Resilient preschool disciplemakers make sure every kid feels loved, known, and part of God's family from the very first day.

1. **Kids need to feel safe.** Preschoolers need to know their group is a place where they are protected and cared for. Set clear, simple rules and create a welcoming space where every kid can play, learn, and grow without fear. Remember, caring for kids physically is Gospel-work.
2. **Kids need to feel seen.** Some preschoolers are chatty and full of energy; others are shy and quiet. Every kid needs to know you notice them. Greet each one at the door with a smile, look them in the eyes, and say how happy you are they are there.
3. **Kids need to feel special.** Use games, songs, and simple "get-to-know-you" activities to connect personally with each kid. Ask about their favorite toys, colors, or family, and remember what they share so they know you truly care.

HELP THEM TO BELIEVE:

Child discipleship means teaching kids God's Word in a way that helps them know, love, and follow Jesus. Preschoolers can begin to understand the Bible and the Gospel when leaders use intentional, hands-on, and story-driven approaches.

1. **Tell God's Big Story.** Help kids see that each Bible story is part of one big story—God creating the world, people turning away, Jesus rescuing us, and God making all things new. This gives them a simple, true picture of who God is and what He does.
2. **Ask thoughtful questions.** Encourage kids to wonder about the story: "What does this tell us about God?" or "How can we follow Him this week?" This helps them notice God's work and think about how He wants them to live.
3. **Point to Jesus.** Remind kids often that every story in the Bible shows God's love and points to Jesus. Help them understand that Jesus came to save and love them.
4. **Use the Bible.** Hold a Bible as you teach, let kids touch it, and practice opening it to find verses. Preschoolers love connecting with God's Word in a hands-on, tangible way!

HELP THEM TO BECOME:

Intentional discipleship helps preschoolers experience God's love and begin learning to live like Jesus in the world around them. Even at a young age, kids can take small steps toward growing in faith and character.

1. **Talk about what's real.** Preschoolers notice the world around them (friends, feelings, family) and sometimes hard things like worry or conflict. You can help them to see how God wants them to respond with love and trust in Him. Use simple, age-appropriate discussions to guide their understanding.
2. **Model spiritual habits.** Show kids how to pray, sing, give thanks, and help others. Share little examples from your own life so they can see these habits in action.
3. **Show the Fruit of the Spirit.** Encourage love, joy, kindness, and gentleness in their daily actions. Celebrate when you see these qualities growing as evidence of God's Spirit at work!

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THIS MONTH'S UNIT THEME IS: *Big-Innings*

This month, we celebrate the Big Inning, the very beginning of God's story and ours! Just like every baseball game starts with the first pitch, everything in creation begins with God. Through our stories this month, kids discover that God designed the world, made people with purpose, and has always had a plan. Every beginning comes from God! Check out our Pinterest page for decorating ideas:

<https://www.pinterest.com/britecurriculum/big-inning/>

BRITE in Action

This month we are learning that God is the Creator! Encourage kids to appreciate the beautiful world that God has made by hosting a church neighborhood or local park cleanup day. Invite families to meet at the church, pass out gloves and garbage bags, and lead them to pick up trash and pray for the neighbors around the church to know God, our Creator.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION:

Thank your team this month for being all-star volunteers! Print the attached printable page and attach a small, fun, baseball-themed gift. Consider choosing simple items like Cracker Jacks, sunflower seeds, gum or baseball-themed trinkets to keep it easy and affordable. Hand these out before or after service, place them at volunteer check-in or tuck them in rooms.